

***Amendments to the Claims***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
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11. (cancelled)
12. (cancelled)
13. (cancelled)
14. (currently amended) A method for protecting soya bean plants subject to attack by phytopathogenic fungi against soya bean rust, consisting essentially of applying ~~the demethylation inhibitor (DMI) fungicide fluquinconazole~~ to the seed of said plants.
15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 14 for protecting soya bean plants against soya bean rust~~, consisting essentially of applying the DMI fungicide fluquinconazole to the seed of transgenic soya bean plants.
17. (cancelled)